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'Parking problems' spark complaints, comments

Stories By JOHN ROOD
Senior Reporter

R.L. Kerrigan, UNO student president/regent, said last week that complaints he has heard about the parking garage may have been caused by an oversight of the Facilities Planning Committee.

"People are very irritated about the lack of getting the word out about the 50 cent parking fee," Kerrigan said.

"I think the Facilities Planning Committee probably had an error there," Kerrigan said.

He said he is a member of the committee, but was unable to attend when the 50 cent user fee for the garage was adopted by the committee.

"I read all the minutes and I read the agenda, but I didn't see that," he said.

"I suppose that we didn't anticipate quite so much of a run on the garage. We knew that there was going to be a lot of people in the garage during the first few weeks, but we didn't expect it to overflow," Kerrigan said.

He said the 50 cent fee was probably approved because committee members were concerned that the garage was rarely full last semester.

"If you walked through it last year, you wouldn't know that there was any people on campus because it was so empty. It looks bad having such an expensive garage unfilled," he said.

Kerrigan said that he isn't sure of the answer to the complaints he has received, but that the fee for entering the garage will probably need to be increased. Most of the complaints have come from student senators, he said.

One faculty member also has complained about the user fees. "He was concerned about the faculty area getting abused," Kerrigan said.

"My initial reaction is to jump it up to \$1 or \$1.50," he said. "One professor wanted to raise it to \$5."

Kerrigan said that he doesn't think that the fee should be that high. But, he said, he does want the fee high enough to enable people who have purchased an access card can use it.

"We've got to make sure that our people who buy those \$40 parking cards can get in there," he said.

The Student Affairs Committee will discuss possible solutions this week, Kerrigan said.

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee also plans to discuss the matter this week, according to Faculty Senate President Kermit Peters.

"I personally would like to take care of it long before the semester's over. I've heard people say 'well they just won't do it.' But I think they would if we have enough response in that direction," Kerrigan said.

Kerrigan said the intention of the user fee was good.

"We just didn't think it would get this bad."

Parking 'will get better'

Campus Security Manager Charles Swank said he is aware of complaints about the 50 cent user fee to enter the parking garage.

But he also said that the situation isn't as bad as it's been in the past.

In fact, complaints to his office are down this year, he said. As of Tuesday evening, Swank said that he had received only four complaints about the parking situation. One of the complaints was from a faculty member; the other three were from students. He also has received six phone calls.

A minor problem this year has occurred when students have entered the structure and found the lot full, Swank said. This can only occur on the top level of the structure, he said.

A control device counts the number of cards and fees that are used to enter the garage. The device will not allow drivers to enter a full level, he said.

The problem occurred on the upper level of the structure because of seven handicapped stalls, Swank said. The control device is unable to differentiate a handicapped stall from a regular one.

"I can't prevent that from happening unless I reduce the counter by seven," he said. In that case, seven stalls would not be us-

able.

"It's a minor problem unless you're one of the ones circling around," he said.

Nevertheless, the parking situation has improved over the past two years, Swank said. Some students can't remember earlier problems, but those who can should take a moment to reflect, he said.

"It isn't so bad when you start to think back."

The biggest problem is one that occurs every year. "I've been here for 10 years now and it's always been hectic at the beginning of the semester."

"The first two weeks are always the crunch," he said, while students register, go through drop and add and buy books. There is also a period of adjustment as new students familiarize themselves with the campus, he said.

"It will get better" as the semester progresses, Swank said. The parking structure shouldn't be faulted for the confusion.

"The same thing happened when people started parking at Ak-Sar-Ben and before and after that," he said. It's a cycle we'll endure every year, he said.

"I honestly believe that the same thing would happen if we had 7,000 parking stalls," Swank said.

Talks could 'drag on' Faculty incentives on hold

By STEVE CHASE
Contributing Writer

Talks between the UNO faculty and the administration for control of \$125,000 allocated to the university in June by the board of regents may take awhile, according to a professor who represents the faculty.

The money is to be used for pay incentives for full-time faculty.

"This may drag on for awhile," said Ray Millimet, a psychology professor and president of the UNO chapter of the American Association of University Professors. "Both sides are very far apart on what they want."

Otto Bauer, vice-chancellor for academic affairs, said he is representing the administration in the negotiations.

Bauer said he hopes the funds will go toward merit pay and "market adjustment" incentives.

Market adjustment incentives would go to full-time faculty in the form of a salary increase in order to match the salaries of other universities or private businesses.

Bauer said the adjustment salary should take important precedent because it "keeps us from losing qualified people" to higher paying jobs.

However, Millimet has a different view.

"We would like to see the money go across the board," said Millimet. "But the board of regents would rather put it in the hands of Vice Chancellor Bauer and let him distribute it."

Millimet said he does not see a need for providing market adjustments or merit pay because it is not crucial at this point in time. Millimet said the money would do a better job if it was distributed evenly among faculty to keep members from leaving the university.

Millimet said the incentives only equal 1 percent of the total package that was offered to UNO. If the AAUP succeeds in negotiation, he said, the funds will be added to the 3 percent across-the-board salary increase the faculty received earlier this year.

Elaine Hess, associate vice-chancellor for academic affairs, said there are problems with the AAUP plans.

She said the Legislature set guidelines that the funds are only to be used for performance pay and market adjustment incentives.

Hess said the funds under negotiation could equal \$110,000. According to Hess, 7.5 percent of the original \$125,000 package is to be used for fringe benefits such as social security and retirement funds.

Millimet said that the AAUP will continue its talks with the administration Sept. 2.

Czech connection to bring Eastern Europe to UNO

By BECKY NEWKIRK
Staff Reporter

A \$50,000 grant given to the university by the U.S. Information Agency will fund a faculty exchange program with Charles University in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

The grant makes UNO the only American university to have such an institutional exchange program with a Czechoslovakian university.

Thomas Gouttierre, director of international studies, and Chancellor Del Weber recently returned from a trip to Prague, Romania and Aus-

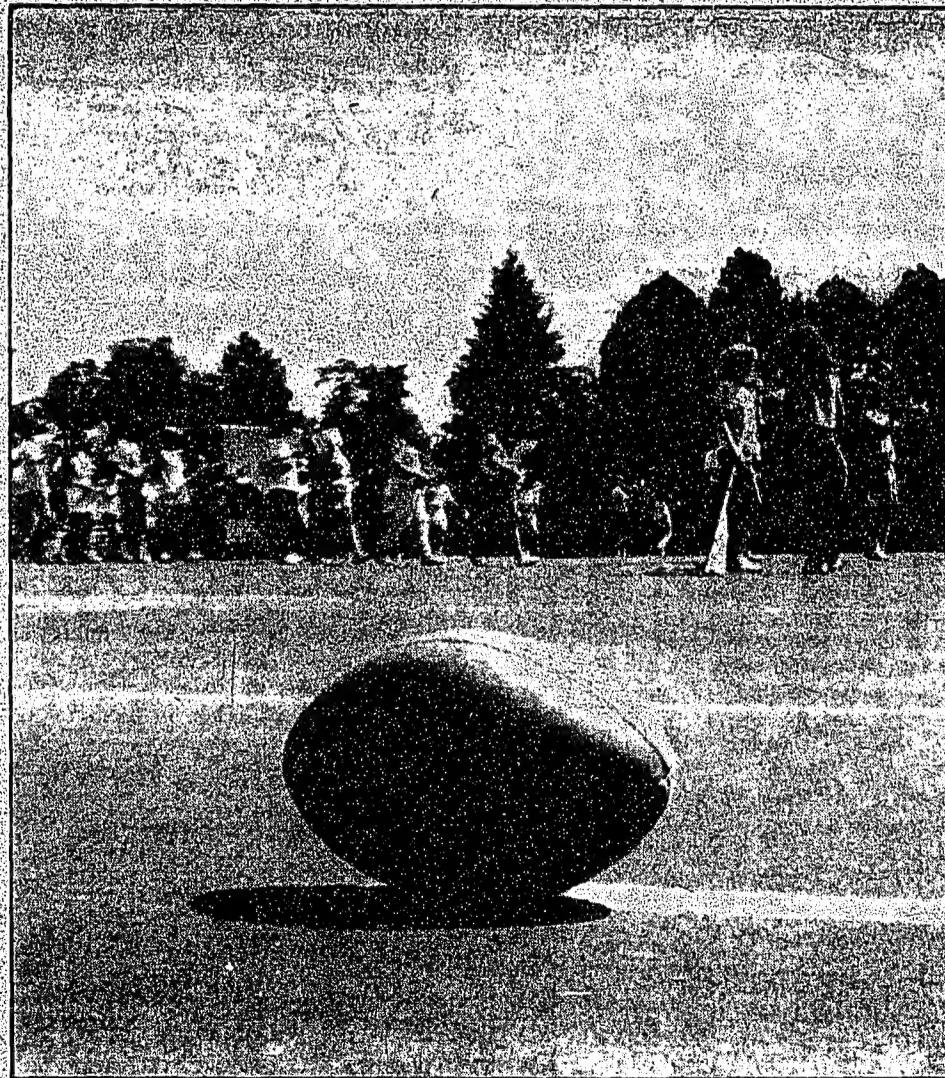
tralia to tour Charles University and Kuza University in Romania.

Gouttierre said he was very excited at the possibilities that the grant offers.

"It puts UNO in a position to present Central Europe to students in a way we never have been able to before," he said.

The program would have one professor from UNO going to Charles University each semester for the next three years. In return, Charles University will send a professor to UNO.

See Czech on 4



On the Ball

The Maverick football squad isn't the only one getting ready for Saturday's football season opener against Wayne State College. The Marching Mavericks were busy Tuesday rehearsing for their half-time show which they hope to perform for a capacity crowd of fans. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

Comment

'Gulf strategy to cost U.S. lives'

The escalation of fighting in the Persian Gulf between the forces of Iran and Iraq poses a serious threat to American forces escorting re-flagged Kuwaiti oil tankers.

Since Iraq started daily air raids Saturday, the level of tension in the Gulf region has been steadily increasing.

President Reagan's policy for heightening the U.S. presence in the Gulf is simply not in the best interest of the nation.

How many American lives need be lost before Reagan realizes the stupidity of his strategy? However, he is proving that history does repeat itself.

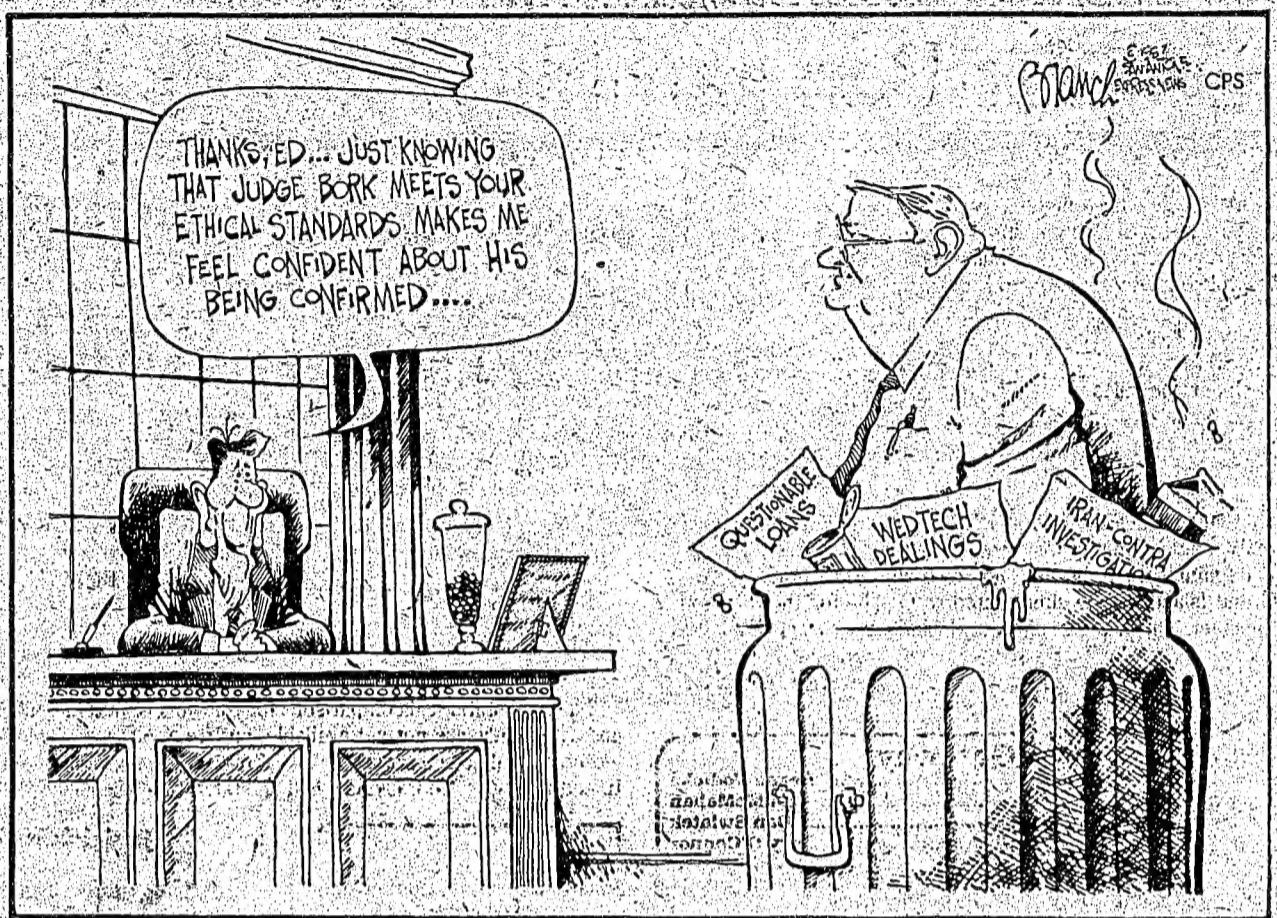
Several years ago, more than 200 U.S. Marines were killed as they stood watch over a smoldering Beirut. Now American sailors ply the waters of the Persian Gulf which has more hidden dangers than just Iranian mines.

Reagan should pull American forces from the Gulf before it's too late, but he won't. The reason: pride, prestige, honor.

America is stuck in another quagmire. The first, Vietnam, is very similar to the current Gulf situation.

Both saw U.S. troops put in danger for national prestige. The U.S. ended up losing in Vietnam, and is bound to pay the price in the form of lives if American forces stay in the Gulf.

—MARK ELLIOTT/Copy Editor



'What's the real killer?'

AIDS carriers suffer pain in more ways than one

I've been thinking about the Ray brothers for some time now.

You know, the three little kids in Arcadia, Florida. The ones with AIDS.

By the time you read this column, authorities will probably know who or what started the fire that gutted their house last weekend.

These children have hemophilia. Through blood transfusion treatments, the boys are now carriers of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

Carriers.

Ricky, Robert and Randy Ray, who were banned from the classroom last year, were allowed to return this fall after a ruling by the Florida State Supreme Court.

The Ray boys are little kids. They were excited about their return to school.

The first day of school they walked in, and scores of parents in the district kept their children at home.

There were anonymous and face-to-face confrontations. Mrs. Ray is a native of Arcadia, a graduate of the high school there. People told her to take her boys and move out.

There were phone calls, threats and the school district began to worry whether state aid would continue as attendance nose-dived.

Beverly J. Lydick
Gateway Columnist

But the Rays stood fast, and their kids stayed in school.

Now their house is gone. Destroyed by fire. I'm going out on a limb and suppose all kinds of answers five days in advance of publication. Then you can all either say, "You were really off base" or "You ought to be investigating work."

There are obvious possible causes:

- The fire was started by an individual or group who realized threats weren't enough to get the Rays out of Arcadia.

- The fire was started by the Rays themselves to further public sympathy for their plight in a world where "big" news tends to crest and fall in a matter of hours.

- The fire was started by natural, electrical or chemical causes, an "act of God" or an iron left on.

- Maybe the fire was started by a group supporting AIDS research and education who hated to see a sympathetic situation run its journalistic course and fade away.

- I don't know. Maybe by the day this comes out, I will.

- One thing I do know.

- Those little kids have suffered enough. Afflicted with a genetic disease, they now live as carriers of a virus which has made more

news, caused more fear and fostered more misunderstanding than anything most of us can remember.

But they don't have symptoms of the disease.

Now, they don't have a home, either. Don't get me wrong. I've got two kids, both in school. It worries me when the simple flu season rolls around, and I know how many kids go to class with fevers, coughs and upset stomachs.

Nobody likes to see their kids sick. Some experts say the hardest thing for a parent to bear is the death of a child.

I can understand how fear can grab a parent in the gut and twist until all rational thought drains away.

But these little kids aren't dying from the disease.

Little by little, though, because of the treatment they're receiving from their fellow man, they're dying inside.

Who or what is the real killer here?

Get out the Monkees lunchbox and hit the trail

'Going back to school not as fun as it used to be'

Admit it. Going back to school in the fall was a lot more fun when you were a kid than it is now.

Part of it was how you'd spent your summer vacation. By September you'd had your fill of playing with (and fighting with) the neighborhood kids. You'd sustained enough cuts and con-

three-alarm fire and tried to cover it all up with a gallon of karate aftershave. (Obviously, I got stuck with Mr. Vapor.)

You also wondered if your friends from last year would be in your class, and whether they would still like you.

But you could count on one thing never changing. The first day of school you would have to write the Big Paper: "What I did over summer vacation." It became a comforting ritual.

You finally got the chance to tell how you'd seen three shooting stars in one night. Or explain, in detail, how your brother found a black, hairy spider down at the creek, which was as big

as your fist. You offer to bring it to school so the whole class could see it, but the horrified teacher would politely decline. Fascinating stuff like that.

Now, your summers are spent pretty much like the rest of the year, working and taking classes. Isn't that special?

Going back to school in the fall loses much of its charm, especially if you haven't left it (except for a couple of weeks) during the summer.

The first day, all you have to look forward to is long lines at

the bookstore, an empty checking account and a full parking lot.

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Op-Ed

Ak-Sar-Ben gambles on popularity of simulcasts

Area pari-mutuel fanatics who didn't get their fill of thoroughbred racing at Ak-Sar-Ben this summer should be in seventh heaven beginning tonight.

As a result of a July ruling by the Nebraska Racing Commission, racing action at Columbus will be simulcasted to the Omaha track beginning with this evening's scheduled 7 p.m. posttime. Inter-track wagering will be conducted in the Hall of Fame room at Ak-Sar-Ben and at the track in Lincoln in conjunction with the State Fair.

Under the rules of simulcasting, patrons attend the track in their home city and bet on races being run elsewhere in the state. Fans are able to watch the races on closed-circuit television, bet and receive the same payoffs as those at the originating track and admission is free. The plan covers only the final seven days of Columbus' Agricultural Park meet, but is really only a tune-up for what's to come next year.

Beginning in February, horse racing from Fonner Park in Grand Island will be simulcasted to Omaha for the duration of the meet. The idea is not new to the industry, in fact simulcasting has existed on the East Coast for several years and in Las Vegas, where a wager may be made on almost every major track in

America (with the curious exception of Ak-Sar-Ben).

The increasingly relaxed attitude state racing commissions across the country have had towards inter-track betting is not merely for the convenience of the casual race-goer.

While horse racing still has the highest attendance figures of

Missouri, Iowa depends largely on innovative commission decisions like simulcasting and exotic wagering in conjunction with the promotional efforts of the tracks themselves.

Although many have been quick to point fingers at executive director Don Drew and his staff, it must be said, in fairness, that the problem is beyond the scope of the logistics involved with running and promoting a race track.

The most obvious factor would be the poor economy and the ever increasing cost of living. No less obvious a threat to Ak's well-being is the dog track in Council Bluffs.

The fact that the dogs run during the horse racing season is a direct cause of the lower attendance figures at the Omaha track over the past two years. Of greater impact, is the fact that by the time Ak-Sar-Ben opens its doors in May, bettors have had almost two months to begin risking (and losing) their money, thus a lower mutuel handle at Ak-Sar-Ben.

The problem is not one with any easy answers, but one thing Ak officials might ponder over the winter would be to push the normal 4 p.m. starting time back a few hours on weekdays.

This would enable patrons to come to the track after they get off work and in the cooler evening hours. Night racing at Columbus has had moderate success and we all know about Bluffs Run, which in less than two years, has become one of the top five tracks in the nation.

Eric Lindwall

Gateway Columnist

any spectator sport in the United States, the industry has suffered a gradual decline over the past decade.

As attendance continues to dwindle and the lack of interest among young people leads to crowds with an average age in the mid-50s, the future seems less than promising at this point.

Nebraska's tracks have not been immune to this nationwide problem. Atokad Park in South Sioux City, Neb., has stayed open the past two summers only because of the support provided by Ak-Sar-Ben's once heavily laden coffers.

The final statistical comparisons for this year's mutuel handle and attendance are not yet available, but frequent small crowds were certainly discouraging to Ak officials. The success of continued racing in Nebraska as well as states like Minnesota, Al-

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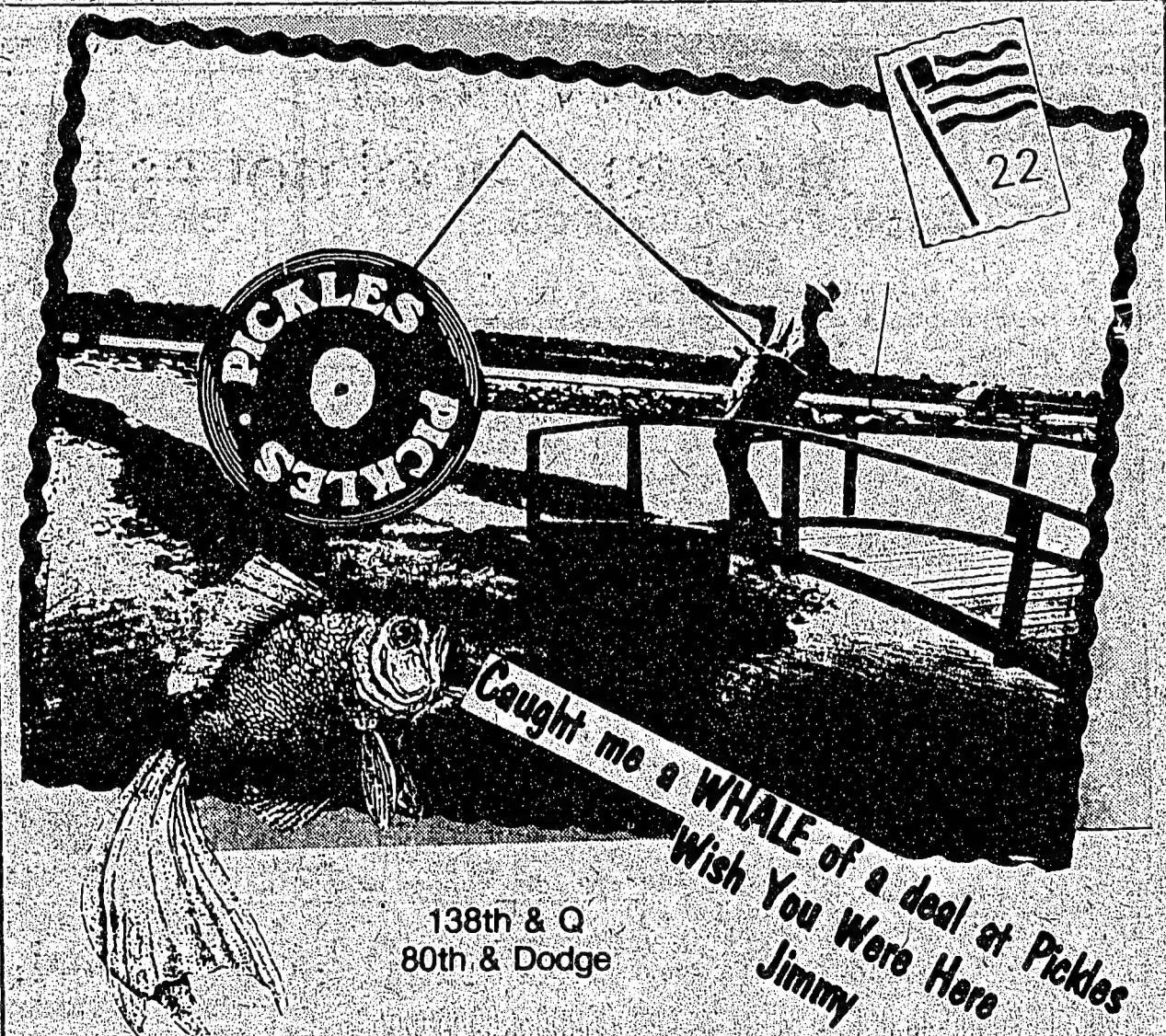
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Scott Pachunka, senior computer science

"You should be charged more for parking in the garage than anywhere else. The intent of the garage was to solve the parking problem. They're just making more and more money off of it and I think that is wrong."



Erin Belieu, senior writers workshop

"Anybody with a car knows there's a parking problem. I understand that the administration is probably working their little hearts out to rectify the situation, but I think that it's definitely driving people away from their classes."



Vern Haselwood, professor teacher education

"I don't think there is. Parking is so improved for faculty compared to what it was. It's great. I think certain times of the day may still be a crunch for students. I'm glad they're letting more students use the garage."



Karen Tesarek, senior interdisciplinary studies

"I think the parking lots are very effective. I don't have a problem with parking, other than it seems to be a waste not to use the garage more efficiently."



Dennis Duncan, junior business

"Yes, there is. I come here an hour ahead of time and still end up 10 or 15 minutes late to my class. They need to either expand . . . or build more floors on the parking garage."

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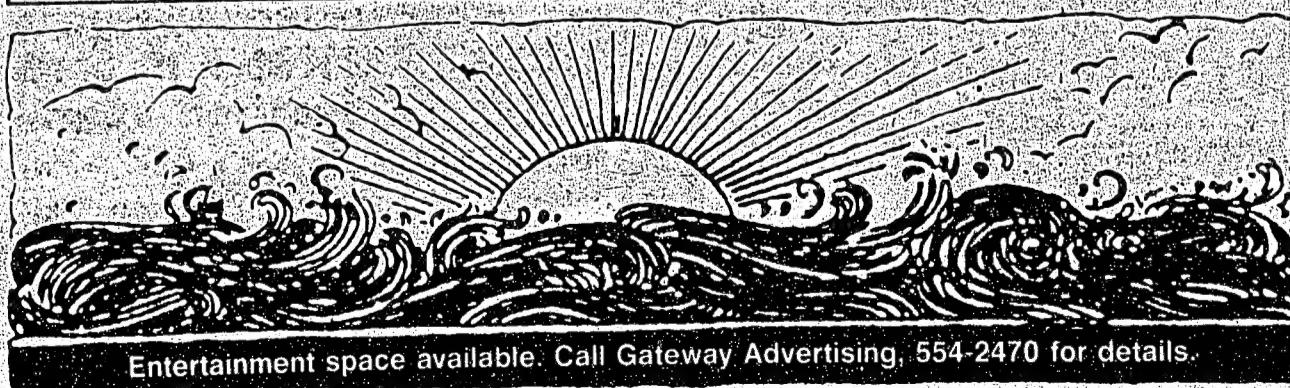
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Features

NFL player moves back to Omaha for a 'real job'

By ELIN JOHNSTON
Contributing Writer

Rod Kush graduated from UNO in 1979 with a degree in criminal justice and a stunning four-year college football career. During his years as a member of the UNO Mavericks, he started his final three years lettered all four and was named captain of the all-North Central Conference team his senior year.

Kush was a defensive back for the Mavericks.

After graduation, he was picked by the Buffalo Bills in the fifth-round of the National Football League draft. For Kush, his dream had come true.

He played six years with the Buffalo Bills until he was released because of a knee injury which had plagued him since his sophomore year.

Despite his bad knee, he was picked up by the Houston Oilers in 1985 and played two years with them until his knee gave out early in the 1987 season.

What does an ex-pro ball player do after eight years of pounding the gridiron?

He comes home for good.

He had always maintained an acreage near Gretna, Neb., while playing ball, but this time he came back to Nebraska to raise his family, be among friends and go into business for himself.

"I was ready to finally get a real job, rather than a job that if you didn't perform well, you're out on your can," he said.

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Kush said he had watched a Houston neighbor turn a life-long dream into reality by opening a furniture-on-consignment business. Kush liked the concept and decided to try it in Omaha.

Four weeks ago, Kush opened up Furniture on Consignment at 4612 S. 88th St. and already his 10,000-square-foot warehouse is jammed with furniture, appliances and other household goods.

Kush said Omaha is an excellent market for his type of business. He has a varied clientele of both buyers and sellers including many UNO and Creighton students.

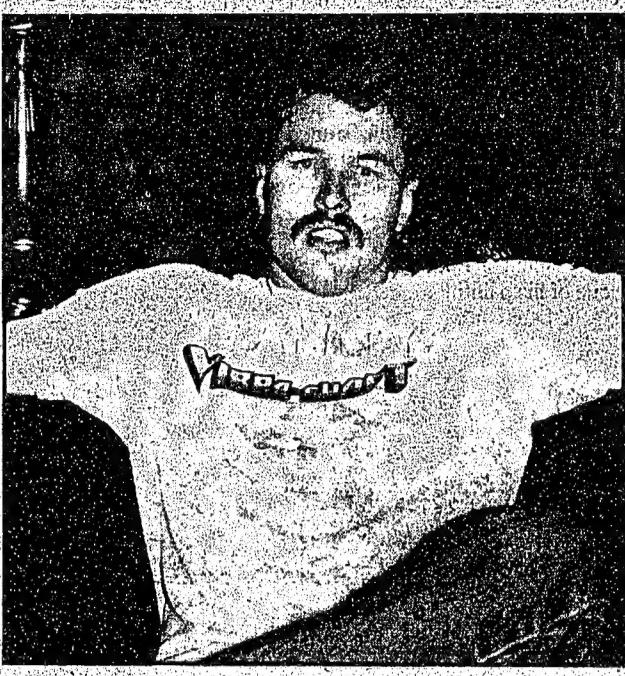
Furniture on Consignment is good, he said, for people in the process of moving. They can sell unwanted furniture and household items quickly and collect money to help cover the expense of moving.

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Having both experienced the life of a football player and a business owner, Kush said the two have at least one similarity.

"Even in the real world, you have to put in a lot of hard work and sweat. The pressure is a little easier in business, though. You can lock the door at seven and go home to your family," he said.



Kush

What's Next

Friday 4th

The sixth annual La Festa Italiana celebration begins today at 6 p.m. at Peony Park, 81st and Cass Streets, and continues through Sunday. Authentic Italian foods, dance and music from every section of Italy will be available. Tickets are \$4.25 at the door for adults. Children under 12 will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

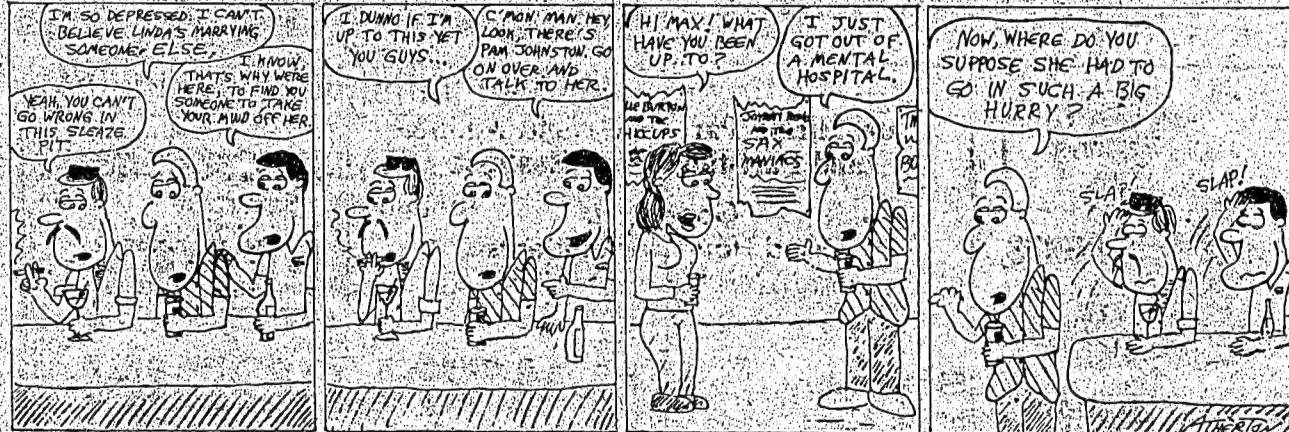
• Omaha's salute to labor, Septemberfest, continues through Monday at the Omaha Civic Auditorium. The festival offers a midway, beer garden, arts and crafts plus the traditional parade on Labor Day which will circle the Central Park Mall and vicinity. General admission for Septemberfest is \$1.

• "Sneak-A-Peek" kicks off the Nebraska State Fair in Lincoln at 6 p.m. Fairgoers can ride all the rides on Murphy's Blue Grass Carnival until midnight for \$8.

Saturday 5th

• "HMS Pinafore," Gilbert and Sullivan's classic comic operetta, will be presented free to the public by Opera/Omaha in the park adjacent to UNO's Annex 37 at 8 p.m. today and at 2 p.m. on Monday.

Big Max on Campus



Wednesday 9th

• "Veteran's Day" at the State Fair honors all veterans and auxiliary organizations today with reduced gate admission with identification. In concert tonight at the fair, Peter, Paul and Mary.

Tuesday 8th

• "Food Bank Day" at the State Fair. Gate admission will be \$1 with a can of food.

Thursday 10th

• "Senior Citizen's Day" at the State Fair. Fair admission is a \$1 for those over 62 with identification.

• "Polly!" and "Waltzing the Elephant" will be presented by Baba Yaga and Friends, a new performing arts company founded by Nancy Duncan, tonight at the Cultural Arts Together gallery space, 614 S. 11th Street at 7:30 p.m. \$3 per person. Call 341-7130/0537 for reservations.

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First Nebraska showing

Joslyn exhibiting works of Canadian wildlife artist

By SONJA SCHWORER
Contributing Writer

"Quite honestly, American beer tastes like water," acclaimed wildlife artist Robert Bateman said.

A stuffy, intellectual artist? Absolutely not. Bateman, a 57-year-old Canadian, spoke at the Joslyn Art Museum on Saturday, Aug. 29. The lecture, titled "An Artist's Celebration of Nature," served as a prelude to a fall exhibition of his work at Joslyn.

The remark on American beer followed an inquiry about a Budweiser can which appears in one of his paintings with a coyote. He replied that the beer can was a statement against litter.

"Why do they think it's O.K. to throw it (trash) all over God's living room?" he asked. But why Budweiser? He said he likes the label.

Bateman exhibits the eccentricities and preoccupations attributed to a stereotypical artist. Organizers of the lecture had difficulty getting Bateman backstage to prepare for his lecture.

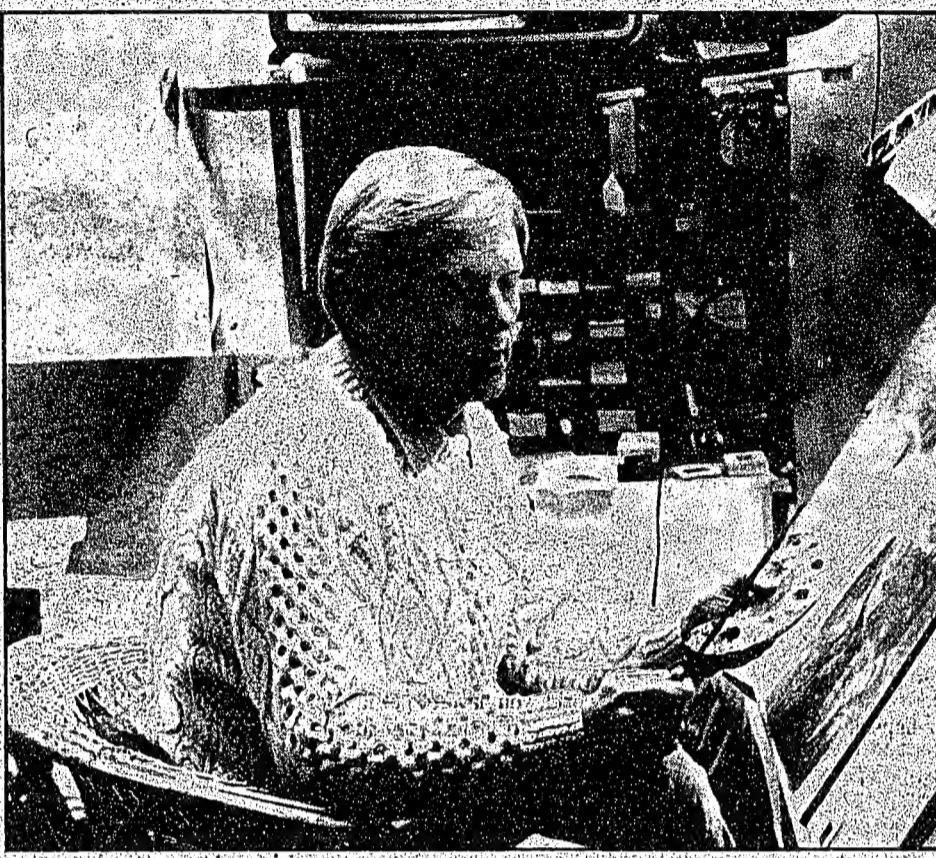
Running up to the paintings that lined the walls, putting on and taking off his glasses, Bateman said he was very pleased "to be hung under the same roof with such illustrious artists."

He later told the audience, "I'm just a painter," and if they notice "drool drips on the floor," it's just from him admiring Joslyn's collection.

"Images of Nature: The Work of Robert Bateman" is the first-ever exhibition of Bateman's work in Nebraska and will be shown at Joslyn Sept. 29 through Nov. 8. The exhibition is co-sponsored by Joslyn and the Nebraska Wildlife Federation.

The show features works on loan from the United States, Canada and Great Britain. It also includes works from private collectors in Omaha and at least one work from Africa.

One painting, "Northern Reflections — Loon Family" is on loan from Great Britain's Royal Family. It was commissioned by the Gov-



Artist Bateman at work

ernor-General of Canada to Prince Charles and Princess Diana of Wales. Another work, entitled "Bounty of the Wetlands, White Pelican" is on loan from Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Bateman said he was interested in art and nature at an early age. He said in his lecture that all kids like art and nature, but by the age of 12 or 13, most give it up. He "has not yet reached that stage," he said.

Bateman said he has an "anti-cuteness

streak" and prefers to paint animals and nature as they actually appear.

His aversion to cuteness stemmed from an event in his teenage years.

When the movie "Bambi" was released, Bateman's mother thought it would be nice if he would paint wildlife pictures of Bambi as gifts for her friends who were having babies. He soon tired of this. "I got a severe case of Disney diarrhea," he said.

Bateman has not always been a wildlife artist. At age 18, he quit wildlife art "cold turkey"

when his friends in art school assured him that "wildlife art is not art." He became involved in Impressionism, which Bateman said expresses " fleeting glimpses of the real world."

He also toyed with Cubism, another non-representational style that was prevalent at the time.

At age 35, Bateman went to an Andrew Wyeth exhibition. "It blew me away as the saying goes," he said. Wyeth's work concentrates on showing the details of the surface of the earth as they actually appear. Seeing Wyeth's work caused Bateman to return to wildlife art. He's stayed with it ever since.

In Bateman's own work, he may use 20 to 25 photographs for models. He also sculpts clay for models and likes to use a real model as much as possible.

Bateman takes advantage of birds that hit the window of his house and die. He props them up in life-like positions, freezes them and when he needs a model, he simply lets it thaw for a few minutes.

"I guess about a quarter of our freezer is full of propped-up birds," he said.

Bateman insists on getting to know his subject thoroughly so that he can represent it accurately.

This attention to detail has made him well known in art circles. But Bateman doesn't think details make his art good. "That's like saying, 'I love your sweater; it has so many stitches in it,'" he said.

Extensive travel and exploration have made Bateman sensitive to the problem of extinction. According to him, one species of animals or plants becomes extinct everyday. By the 1990s, one will become extinct every hour.

Society is disregarding nature, destroying it and "replacing it with an instant pudding world."

He said mankind has the answers for saving nature for future generations. All that is needed is money.

"The best things in life are not free anymore," he said.

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Sports

UNO volleyball serves notice to upcoming opponents

By TERRY O'CONNOR
Sports Editor

The eye-opening ease with which the Lady Mav volleyball team dusted off a team of its illustrious alumni served notice that UNO will be tough again this year.

The starting sextet of All-American Ruth Evans, Lori Schutte, Lisa Lyons, Nancy Liebentritt, Darla Melcher and freshman Colleen Hurley rolled to 15-10, 15-13 and 15-6 wins before the alumni pasted a reserve squad made up of freshmen and sophomores 15-8 and 15-6.

"The alumni are probably better than most teams we'll play," UNO Coach Janice Kruger said. "We had to fight back when we fell behind 10-4 in the second set. We did and that's a good sign."

UNO, which is building a solid volleyball tradition under Kruger, played an alumni team that included last year's team leader, All-American Allie Nuzum Majerus.

"We were plagued by serving problems again," Kruger said. "I'm trying to decide if that's something I'm doing and whether we should go back to basics. Our passing went well. It came through better than I thought it would."

UNO opens its season tonight against a highly-touted Central Missouri State team that split two matches with the 45-4 Lady Mavs last year. The Jennies rallied for a 15-9, 6-15, 15-4, 13-15, 13-15 win in their own tournament and UNO repaid the favor with a 15-6, 9-15, 15-10 triumph in the UNO Invitational.

Kruger, who lost Nuzum Majerus to graduation, Erich to medicine and Regina Rule to knee surgery, said the remaining players have begun to mend the holes in the team and mesh as a unit.

"Ruth Evans and Darla Melcher are starting to show leadership," Kruger said. "But it's not just one or two people. Everybody is starting to fill in."



UNO senior Lisa Lyons, No. 13, foils the block attempt by the UNO alumni team.

Kruger said 5-foot-11 senior Lori Schutte would be a very effective middle blocker for UNO this season.

"Lori has the potential to receive honors for her play this year," Kruger said. "She came into two-a-day practices very

psyched. Lately she's kind of hit a lull. We need her to boost her intensity."

One of the most unsung Lady Mavs is outside hitter Lisa Lyons, a 5-8 senior from Omaha Northwest.

"She's a blinder," Kruger said. "You don't notice her when she's doing her job. She's our primary passer, her hitting's improved and we expect her to do a lot defensively. She's very important to our team."

Darla Melcher, the third senior on the team, will start at setter for the Lady Mavs. The 5-6 Melcher transferred to UNO last season from UNL and helped key the Lady Mavs, who finished No. 3 for the second year in a row in Division II, with her steady play.

Evans is not expected to play against either CMSU Friday or Iowa State Saturday. She is on crutches while suffering from a swollen foot that Kruger said is a mystery to UNO trainer Denise Fandell.

"It swelled up after the alumni game," Kruger said. "We don't know what if it's a bug bite or what it is. She's very doubtful for this weekend." Redshirt freshman Amy Gradoville will replace Evans in the lineup.

ISU is the only Division I team remaining on UNO's schedule and was the only Division I team to defeat UNO last year. The Cyclones downed the Lady Mavs 8-15, 15-7, 15-7, 3-15 and 15-6.

Kruger said the tough beginning schedule is the way she likes it.

"I wanted a good initial match to test their abilities," Kruger said. "The match against Central Missouri should set the tone for the rankings this year."

"They are going to be two great volleyball matches to watch," Kruger said. "The competition should make for exciting matches."

College Picks Mavs picked to tame Wildcats

College football gets underway in the Mid-lands Saturday as UNO tangles with Wayne State in a 7:30 p.m. game at Al Caniglia Field and Nebraska plays host to Utah State in an afternoon game.

It should be interesting to see, not only how the highly-touted stars play, but how coaching decisions affect their team's performance.

The Kickoff Classic was a painful example of how a coach can destroy the momentum of a game. Trailing 7-3 Iowa was perched on the Tennessee 1-yard line in the second quarter after a recovered fumble. Iowa Coach Hayden Fry then yanked starter Mark McGwire, who had performed passably, in favor of the more experienced, albeit stone-cold, Chuck Hartlieb. Hartlieb had not taken a snap all day.

On fourth-and-goal, Hartlieb pitched the ball to a Volunteer linebacker who lumbered 97 yards for a touchdown. Instead of being in the lead 10-7, the Hawks trailed 14-3. Iowa rallied later in the game, but fell short 23-22.

Fry's decision will undoubtedly be questioned and compared with those of his coaching fraternity brethren this week. The following is a look at matchups this opening weekend.

Wayne State at UNO — The Mavs have lost some key players already this season but appear to be too much for the Wildcats to handle. Students, faculty and staff should be treated to a fine performance by Sandy Buda's

squad. If the Mavs are as good as I think, this could be a blowout. **UNO 35-9**

Utah State at NEBRASKA — This might as well be an exhibition because the Huskers should be able to name the final score. The Aggies ranked last out of the 105 Division I teams in scoring last year. The priority here is to get properly prepared for UCLA next week.

Nebraska 59-6

Louisiana State at TEXAS A&M — The Tigers enter the season without defensive ge-

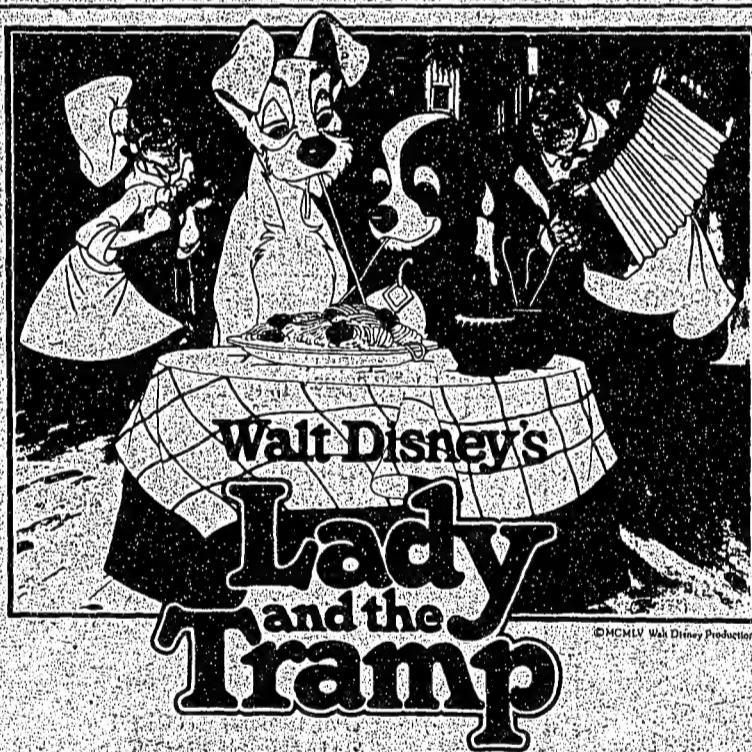
Other college games this weekend: Miami 24, Florida 17; UCLA 41; San Diego State 13; North Carolina 24, Illinois 17; Alabama 35; Southern Mississippi 10; Georgia 28; Virginia 3; Boston College 27; TCU 16; Florida State 33; Texas Tech 14; Maryland 27; Syracuse 13;

Oklahoma State 27; Tulsa 16; Tennessee 34; Colorado State 17; Duke 47; Colgate 7; Washington 31; Stanford 21; Mississippi 27; Memphis State 12; Tulane 28; Louisville 9; Air Force 28; Wyoming 24; Rutgers 24; Cincinnati 14; Michigan State 23; USC 17 (Monday).

Eric Lindwall
Gateway Columnist

nius Bill Arnsperger, who was replaced by 34-year-old newcomer Mike Archer. The only problem for the Tigers in the past few years has been on offense and maybe Archer can help in that capacity. It's a cinch he won't improve on Arnsperger's defensive record. Look for the underdog Aggies to prevail. **TEXAS A&M 21-17**

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